

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-20 and add the following claims:

1-20. (cancelled)

21. (new) A process for manufacturing large animal litter for animals creating animal discharges and elimination, the process comprising:

- a) transferring a cellulose fiber material comprised in a slurry form to a de-watering apparatus,
- b) conveying the cellulose fiber material into a rotating drum to round out the protruding edges and form a absorbent particulate having a functional width of greater than 6 mm and further having an aspect ratio between 1-1 and 1-6 where the bulk density is greater than 12 pounds per cubic foot to form large animal litter,
- c) passing the absorbent particulate to a dryer for removal of a portion of the moisture contained therein to form large animal litter,
- d) whereas the large animal litter is adapted to absorb a portion of the fluid from the animal discharges and their elimination.

22. (new) The process for manufacturing large animal litter for animals as recited in claim 21 where the cellulose fiber material is derived from waste short fiber from paper mills.

23. (new) The process for manufacturing large animal litter as recited in claim 22 where the cellulose fiber material has a high organic content of greater than 50%.

24. (new) The process for manufacturing large animal litter as recited in claim 21 where the cellulose fiber material has an adjusted pH between 4 and 5.
25. (new) The process for manufacturing large animal litter as recited in claim 21 where following the step transferring of the cellulose fiber material to the de-watering apparatus, the material is delivered to a sizing conveyor to reduce clumped portions of the cellulose fiber material to a proper size.
26. (new) The process for manufacturing large animal litter as recited in claim 25 where the cellulose fiber material is rolled into substantially cylindrical balls.
27. (new) The process for manufacturing large animal litter as recited in claim 21 where pheromones are added to the cellulose fiber material.
28. (new) The process for manufacturing large animal litter as recited in claim 21 where the bulk density of the cellulose fiber material after passing through the dryer is greater than 30 pounds per cubic foot with an absorption ratio greater than .84.
29. (new) The process for manufacturing large animal litter as recited in claim 28 where the cellulose fiber material has an adjusted pH between 4 and 5.
30. (new) A method for manufacturing animal litter for animals others than cats, comprising the steps of:
 - a) retrieving raw cellulose fiber material composed in a slurry form and transferring the raw cellulose fiber material to a de-watering apparatus,
 - b) transferring the de-watered cellulose fiber material and passing it through a sizing conveyor and passing the sized cellulose fiber material to a rotary

drum to round out the protruding edges and corners of the absorbent particulate,

c) passing the absorbent particulate to a dryer for removal of a portion of the moisture contained therein.

31. (new) The method as recited in claim 30 where a pheromone is added to the absorbent particulate during the process.
32. (new) The method as recited in claim 30 where the raw cellulose fiber material has an adjusted pH between 4 and 5.
33. (new) The method as recited in claim 30 where the cellulose fiber material is rolled into substantially cylindrical balls.
34. (new) The method as recited in claim 30 where the cellulose fiber material is derived from waste short fiber from paper mills.
35. (new) The method as recited in claim 30 where the bulk density of the cellulose fiber material after passing through the dryer is greater than 30 pounds per cubic foot with an absorption ratio greater than .84.
36. (new) The method as recited in claim 35 where the raw cellulose fiber material has an adjusted pH between 4 and 5.
37. (new) A product by process for manufacturing animal litter for animals others than cats, comprising the steps of:
 - a) retrieving cellulose fiber material composed in a slurry form and transferring the raw cellulose fiber material to a de-watering apparatus to form de-watered cellulose fiber material,

- b) transferring the de-watered cellulose fiber material and passing it through a sizing conveyor to form sized cellulose fiber and passing the sized cellulose fiber material to a rotary drum to round out the protruding edges and corners of to form a absorbent particulate,
 - c) passing the absorbent particulate to a dryer for removal of a portion of the moisture contained therein.
38. (new) The product by process for manufacturing animal litter for animals others than cats as recited in claim 37 where a pheromone is added to the absorbent particulate during the process.
39. (new) The product by process for manufacturing animal litter for animals other than cats as recited in claim 37 where the raw cellulose fiber material has an adjusted pH between 4 and 5.
40. (new) The method as recited in claim 39 where the bulk density of the cellulose fiber material after passing through the dryer is greater than 30 pounds per cubic foot with an absorption ratio greater than .84.